

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A mail transfer device 2 for relaying an electronic mail transmitted from a transmission terminal 1 through a communication line 5 and transferring the electronic mail thus relayed to a reception terminal 3 is equipped with ~~21, 22, 27,~~ 28 devices for converting to another address the electronic mail address of the transmission source of the mail which is transmitted from the transmission terminal 1 through the communication line 5 and then transferring the electronic mail to the reception terminal 3; and ~~means 24, 25, 29, 30~~ devices for converting the address of the transmission destination of a reply mail to the address of the transmission source before the address conversion and then transferring the reply mail to the transmission terminal 1 when the reply mail to the electronic mail is transmitted from the reception terminal 3.